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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/655,364  
Filing Date: September 4, 2003  
Applicant: B. Musicki  
Group Art Unit: 1624  
Conf. No. 1562  
Examiner: B. Coleman  
Title: NOVEL HETEROCYCLIC COMPOUNDS,  
PREPARATION PROCESS AND INTERMEDIATES,  
IN PARTICULAR AS  $\beta$ -LACTAMASE INHIBITORS  
AND ANTIBACTERIALS  
Attorney Docket: 8674-000031

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.116**  
**AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 12, 2006, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below. Applicant hereby petitions under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and includes a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.